Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A platform-independent method for retrieving and managing data in at least one communications network having a plurality of destination nodes interconnected with communication lines, comprising:

remotely accessing a communications network <u>by a network management server coupled via the network to at least one client terminal and to a plurality of destination nodes consisting at least in part of at least one self-service financial transaction terminal</u>;

remotely configuring a retrieval command associated with ~~a~~ <u>at least one of the</u> destination ~~node~~ <u>nodes by the network management server according to at least one of a plurality of parameters with which the network management server is pre-programmed consisting at least in part of retrieval destination node selection parameters, retrieval file selection parameters, retrieval status parameters, retrieval prioritizing parameters, and retrieval schedule parameters</u>;

remotely transmitting said retrieval command <u>by the network management server</u> to said destination node;

~~remotely monitoring~~ <u>allowing a user at said at least one client terminal to remotely monitor</u> said retrieval command associated with said destination node;

remotely transmitting a response <u>to said retrieval command</u> from said destination node to said ~~retrieval command~~ <u>network management server</u>;

~~remotely monitoring~~ <u>allowing the user at said at least one client terminal to remotely monitor</u> said response from said destination node to said retrieval command; and

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remotely storing said response from said destination node to said retrieval command <u>by the network management server</u>.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

remotely prioritizing said retrieval command associated with said destination node <u>by the network management server</u>; and

remotely prioritizing said response from said destination node to said retrieval command <u>by the destination node</u>.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said monitoring of said response further comprises a retrieval status.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~3~~ <u>1</u>, wherein said retrieval status <u>parameters further</u> comprises at least one of the following parameters:

never attempted;

successful;

not available;

date out of range;

failed; and

in progress.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

remotely executing an automated retrieval schedule <u>by the network management server</u>.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~5~~ <u>1</u>, wherein said ~~automated~~

~~retrieval schedule~~ <u>retrieval schedule parameters further</u> comprises at least one of the following parameters:

an upload frequency;

an upload schedule; and

a destination directory.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

remotely constructing a response log <u>by the network management server</u>;

remotely administering said response log <u>by the network management server</u>; and

remotely printing said response log <u>by the network management server</u>.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said ~~configuration of said retrieval command~~ <u>plurality of parameters with which the network management server is pre-programmed further</u> comprises at least one of the following parameters:

minimum time to retry if retrieval failure; and

maximum number of simultaneous retrievals.

9. (original) The method of claim ~~8~~ <u>1</u>, wherein said configuration of said retrieval command further comprises node filtering.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~9~~ <u>1</u>, wherein said ~~node filtering~~ <u>retrieval destination node selection parameters further</u> comprises at least one of the following parameters:

one or more of said destination nodes designated by a user;

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one or more of said destination nodes affiliated with a particular business; and

one or more of said destination nodes affiliated with a particular business branch.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~8~~ 1, wherein said ~~configuration of said~~ retrieval-~~command~~ destination node selection parameters further comprises ~~identification of~~ at least one of ~~said destination nodes categorized by at least one of~~ the following parameters:

at least one selected day;

at least one selected hour;

at least one selected said destination node;

at least one missed day;

at least one missed hour;

at least one disconnected destination node;

at least one down destination node; and

at least one exception-reported destination node.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~11~~ 1, wherein said ~~configuration of said~~ retrieval-~~command further comprises identification of at least one of said destination nodes categorized by~~ file selection parameters further comprises at least one of the following parameters:

file type;

file type name; and

archive directory.

13. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said destination node further comprises a plurality of delivery system nodes.

14. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said destination node further comprise a plurality of secondary system nodes.

15. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said destination node is an automated teller machine.

16. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said destination node is a bank server.

17. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said destination node is a communication server.

18. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said destination node is a financial server.

19. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said communications network is a financial institution's communications network.

20. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

remotely providing a help mechanism to a user.

21. (currently amended) A platform-independent system for retrieving and managing data in at least one communications network having a plurality of destination nodes interconnected with communication lines, comprising:

~~means~~ a network management server adapted for remotely accessing a communications network via which the network management server is coupled to at least one client terminal and to a plurality of destination nodes consisting at least in

part of at least one self-service financial transaction terminal;

~~means~~ wherein the network management server is further adapted for remotely configuring a retrieval command associated with ~~a~~ at least one of the destination ~~node~~ nodes according to at least one of a plurality of parameters with which the network management server is pre-programmed consisting at least in part of retrieval destination node selection parameters, retrieval file selection parameters, retrieval status parameters, retrieval prioritizing parameters, and retrieval schedule parameters;

~~means~~ wherein the network management server is further adapted for remotely transmitting said retrieval command to said destination node;

~~means~~ wherein the least one client terminal is adapted for allowing a user to remotely ~~monitoring~~ monitor said retrieval command associated with said destination node;

~~means~~ wherein said at least on destination node is adapted for remotely transmitting a response to said retrieval command from said destination node to said ~~retrieval command~~ network management server ;

~~means~~ wherein the least one client terminal is further adapted for allowing the user to remotely ~~monitoring~~ monitor said response from said destination node to said retrieval command; and

~~means~~ wherein the network management server is further adapted for remotely storing said response from said destination node to said retrieval command.

22. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, further comprising:

~~means~~ wherein the network management server is further adapted for remotely prioritizing said retrieval command associated with said destination node; and

~~means~~ <u>said at least on destination node is further adapted</u> for remotely prioritizing said response from said destination node to said retrieval command.

23. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein said monitoring of said response further comprises a retrieval status.

24. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~23~~ <u>21</u>, wherein said retrieval status <u>parameters further</u> comprises at least one of the following parameters:

never attempted;

successful;

not available;

date out of range;

failed; and

in progress.

25. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, further comprising:

~~means~~ <u>wherein said network management server is further adapted</u> for remotely executing an automated retrieval schedule.

26. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~25~~ <u>21</u>, wherein said ~~automated retrieval schedule~~ <u>retrieval schedule parameters further</u> comprises at least one of the following parameters:

an upload frequency;

an upload schedule; and

a destination directory.

27. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, <u>wherein said network management server is</u> further ~~comprising~~ <u>adapted</u>:

~~means~~ for remotely constructing a response log;

~~means~~ for remotely administering said response log; and

~~means~~ for remotely printing said response log.

28. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, wherein said ~~configuration of said retrieval command~~ <u>plurality of parameters with which the network management server is pre-programmed further</u> comprises at least one of the following parameters:

minimum time to retry if retrieval failure; and

maximum number of simultaneous retrievals.

29. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~8~~ <u>21</u>, wherein said configuration of said retrieval command further comprises node filtering.

30. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~29~~ <u>21</u>, wherein said ~~node filtering~~ <u>retrieval destination node selection parameters further</u> comprises at least one of the following parameters:

one or more of said destination nodes designated by a user;

one or more of said destination nodes affiliated with a particular business; and

one or more of said destination nodes affiliated with a particular business branch.

31. (currently amended) The system of claim 28, wherein said ~~configuration of said~~ retrieval ~~command~~ <u>destination node selection parameters</u> further comprises

~~identification of~~ at least one of ~~said destination nodes categorized by~~ the following parameters:

at least one selected day;

at least one selected hour;

at least one selected said destination node;

at least one missed day;

at least one missed hour;

at least one disconnected destination node;

at least one down destination node; and

at least one exception-reported destination node.

32. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, wherein said ~~configuration of said~~ retrieval ~~command further comprises identification of at least one of said destination nodes categorized by~~ file selection parameters further comprises at least one of the following parameters:

file type;

file type name; and

archive directory.

33. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein said destination node further comprises a plurality of delivery system nodes.

34. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein said destination node further comprise a plurality of secondary system nodes.

35. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein said destination node is an automated teller machine.

36. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein said destination node is a bank server.

37. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein said destination node is a communication server.

38. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein said destination node is a financial server.

39. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein said communications network is a financial institution's communications network.

40. (original) The system of claim 21, further comprising:

means for remotely providing a help mechanism to a user.

41. (currently amended) A The method ~~for selecting, prioritizing, retrieving, storing, and managing data within network nodes~~ of claim 1, further comprising:

~~configuring~~ allowing the user at the at least one client terminal to remotely configure a user request ~~from a user~~ to a the network node via the network management server[;]

~~transmitting said request to said network node;~~

~~processing said request associated with said network node;~~

~~transmitting a response from said network node to said request;~~

~~processing said response from said network node to said request; and~~

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~~storing said response from said network node to said request.~~

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60. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The system ~~for selecting, prioritizing, retrieving, storing, and managing data within network nodes~~ of claim 21, ~~comprising~~ wherein:

~~means~~ said at least one client terminal is further adapted for ~~configuring~~ allowing the user at the terminal to configure a user request ~~from a user~~ to a the network node via the network management server[;]

~~means for transmitting said request to said network node;~~

~~means for processing said request associated with said network node;~~

~~means for transmitting a response from said network node to said request;~~

~~means for processing said response from said network node to said request;~~ ~~and~~

~~means for storing said response from said network node to said request.~~

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79. (currently amended) A platform-independent system for retrieving and managing data in at least one communications network having a plurality of destination nodes interconnected with communication lines, comprising:

a network automated information retrieval system coupled to at least one communications network having a plurality of nodes consisting at least in part of at least one self-service financial transaction terminal;

an interactive user module coupled with a network management system server connected to said communications network having a plurality of nodes, wherein the

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network management system server is pre-programmed for remotely configuring a retrieval command associated with a at least one of the ~~destination node~~ nodes according to at least one of a plurality of parameters consisting at least in part of retrieval node selection parameters, retrieval file selection parameters, retrieval status parameters, retrieval prioritizing parameters, and retrieval schedule parameters, for transmitting said retrieval command to said node, and for receiving a response to said retrieval command from said node; and

a plurality of client terminals coupled to said interactive user module for allowing user interaction with said network automated information retrieval system, said interaction consisting of at least one of remotely monitoring said retrieval command associated with said node by the user, remotely monitoring said response from said node to said retrieval command by the user, and remotely configuring a user request to the network node via the network management server.

80. (original) The system of claim 79, wherein said interactive user module is communicated by a service application of said automated information retrieval system to said network management system server.

81. (original) The system of claim 79, wherein said interactive user module is communicated by said service application of said automated information retrieval system to one of a internet, an intranet, or an extranet.

82. (original) The system of claim 79, wherein said communications network further comprises memory.

83. (original) The system of claim 79, wherein said communications network further comprises at least one database stored in memory.

84. (original) The system of claim 79, wherein said communications network further comprises at least one database processor capable of processing data contained in said database.

85. (original) The system of claim 79, further comprising a request to said automated information retrieval system.

86. (original) The system of claim 85, wherein said request is communicated to said automated information retrieval system by said user interaction with said interactive user module.

87. (original) The system of claim 86, wherein said interactive user module comprises at least one of the following user modules selected from a group of user modules comprising:

an administrator module;

an operator module;

a help module; and

a status module.

88. (original) The system of claim 85, wherein said request further comprises a retrieval command to query at least one destination node in real-time.

89. (original) The system of claim 79, further comprising:

means for said plurality of network nodes to transmit a response to said request.

means for processing said response from said plurality of network nodes to said request; and

means for storing said response from said plurality of network nodes to said request.

90. (original) The system of claim 89, further comprising:

means for constructing a response log, wherein said response log comprises a plurality of responses from said plurality of network nodes to said request;

means for administering said response log; and

means for printing said response log.